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1. A flexible tri-fold garment bag comprised of

an elongate integral body having a top portion and a bottom portion, and having a front panel with a peripheral side portion, a rear panel with a peripheral edge portion and a side 5 panel connecting said front panel peripheral portion to said rear panel peripheral portion, said body also having three transverse sections aligned longitudinally, a top section that includes said top body portion, a bottom section that includes said bottom body portion, and a middle section connected at an upper end thereof to said top section along a top seam, and at a lower end thereof to said bottom section along a bottom seam;

a top handle to said top section and extending in a longitudinal direction away from said body top portion; and a mid handle connected to said bottom seam.

- 15 2. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said front panel is made of a flexible sheet material.
 - 3. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 2 wherein said flexible sheet material is comprised of a laminate of a polyester cover and a PVC backing.
- 20 4. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 2 wherein said rear panel is made of a flexible sheet material.
 - 5. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said side panel is made of a flexible sheet material.
 - 6. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said top 5 handle is a flexible strap.
 - 7. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said top handle has two end portions, each end portion attached to said rear panel.
- 8. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 7 wherein said mid
 30 handle is a flexible strap having two end portions, each end
 portion attached to said body.
 - 9. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 8 wherein said mid handle is attached to said rear panel.
- 10. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 9 wherein said top 35 handle has a length between each end portion thereof that is

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longer than the length of said mid handle between each end portion thereof.

- 11. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 10 wherein one of said top and said mid handles further includes an attachment
 5 strap fixedly, transversely connected to said handle at a mid portion of said strap, said strap having an removable attachment at each end and having a length such that said strap can be wound around both handles and the ends thereof attached to each other.
- 10 12. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said top handle has two end portions, each end portion attached to said rear panel and wherein said mid handle has two end portions, each end portion attached to said rear panel; and wherein said top handle has a length between each end portion thereof that
- 15 is longer than the length of said mid handle between each end portion thereof.
- 13. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said bag has an interior in which garments can be placed, and wherein said front panel has a zipper therein so as to permit access to said 20 bag interior.
 - 14. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said zipper is located vertically along a centerline of said front panel.
 - 15. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 14 wherein said zipper extends from said body top portion to said body bottom portion;
- and further including a hanger clamp mounted at the top portion of said bag body to said side panel so that a top hook of a hanger can be securely held in said clamp.
 - 16. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said rear panel has an outer surface and an inner surface, and further
- including a top pocket mounted on said rear panel outer surface at said top section of said bag body, and a middle pocket mounted on said rear panel outer surface at said middle section of said bag body.
- 17. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 16 and further
 35 including a spacing section between said middle section and

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said bottom section, to accommodate enough room, when the garment bag is in a folded position, to insert said bottom section between said top section and said middle section and to align said top pocket and said middle pocket when said bag is in the folded condition

- 18. The garment bag as claimed in Claim 16 and further including a bottom pocket mounted on said rear panel inner surface.
- 19. A flexible tri-fold garment bag comprising a substantially rectangular front panel and a substantially rectangular rear panel having peripheral edges, and a peripheral gusset encircling the peripheral edges of said front panel and said rear panel and attached thereto, said bag having a top fold, a middle fold and a bottom fold, wherein said front panel
- opening extending longitudinally from said top portion to said bottom portion to permit access to the interior of said bag; said rear panel comprises a top section having a top pocket and an upper handle, a middle section having a middle pocket, a
- 20 bottom section having a bottom pocket, and a lower handle located between said middle section and said bottom section, said lower handle being shorter than said upper handle; and said rear panel also comprises an upper spacing section between said top section and said middle section, and a lower spacing
- section between said middle section and said bottom section; and said top pocket is comprised of an outer section, a peripheral gusset connected along an inner peripheral edge of said outer section to said rear panel top section, and connected along an outer peripheral edge of said outer section
- to an inner peripheral edge thereof to said rear panel top section and connected along an outer peripheral edge thereof to a peripheral edge of said outer section, and a binding mounted over, joining together, and attached to said gusset outer peripheral edge and said outer section peripheral edge.